AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-17. (canceled)

18. (original) A controlling method of priority class setup in a communication system in which a client and a server are connected via a communication network for distributing a content packet in correspondence with requests from said client, said corresponding content packet being distributed from said server while providing classified communication quality based on a priority class, said controlling method of priority class setup comprising the steps of:

transmitting a request packet from said client to said server, said request packet specifying in advance a priority class upon distribution of said content packet; and

transmitting said content packet from said server to said client with said requested priority class thus specified.

19. (original) The controlling method of priority class setup according to claim 18, further including a step of:

modifying said specified priority class of said request packet in a case where said client judges that said content packet does not satisfy requested communication quality.

20. (original) The controlling method of priority class setup according to claim 18, further including a step of:

performing accounting for said client by said server in accordance with a priority class and quantity of said content packet.

21. (original) The controlling method of priority class setup according to claim 19, further including a step of:

performing accounting for said client by said server in accordance with a priority class and quantity of said content packet.

22-38. (canceled)

39. (original) A controlling system of priority class setup in a communication system in which a client and a server are connected via a communication network for distributing a content packet in correspondence with requests from said client, said corresponding content packet being distributed from said server while providing classified communication quality based on a priority class,

wherein said client includes a portion for transmitting a request packet from said client to said server, said request packet specifying in advance a priority class upon distribution of said content packet, and

said server includes a portion for transmitting said content packet from said server to said client with said requested priority class thus specified.

40. (original) The controlling system of priority class setup according to claim 39, wherein said specified priority class of said request packet is modified in a case where said client judges that said content packet does not satisfy requested communication quality.

41. (original) The controlling system of priority class setup according to claim 39, wherein said server performs accounting for said client in accordance with a priority class and quantity of said content packet.

42. (original) The controlling system of priority class setup according to claim 40, wherein said server performs accounting for said client in accordance with a priority class and quantity of said content packet.

43. (canceled)

44. (canceled)